

**REVISED ADDENDUM TO SECTION (m)
ASSISTING FAMILIES TRANSITIONING OFF AID
Los Angeles County CalWORKs Plan
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Please describe how the county will work with families transitioning off aid. The description should include (1) assistance for those individuals who transition off aid due to time limits, and (2) those who leave aid due to employment. [Reference: WIC Section 10531 (m)].

Los Angeles County offers CalWORKs post-time limit services to individuals transitioning off aid due to time limits, subject to the availability of funding. The services begin upon the participant's termination from CalWORKs.

Participation is **voluntary** and contingent upon the participant's agreement to participate in a community service assignment referred to as a Job Intern (JI) assignment for Post-Time Limit services, for up to 32 hours per month or the number of hours permitted under the Simplified Food Stamp Program calculation, whichever is less. A participant must participate in a JI assignment to the extent it does not interfere with the individual's employment. Reference ACL 02-92, dated December 3, 2002.

Factors to consider when determining a reduction of hours or a waiver of a JI assignment, when applying the 32 hours per month service requirement include, but are not limited to the following:

- Good Cause for not participating in community service as specified in Welfare-to-Work Regulations. A recipient shall be excused from participating in welfare-to-work activities for good cause when Los Angeles County determines there is a condition or other circumstance that temporarily prevents, or significantly impairs, the individual's ability to be regularly employed or to participate in Welfare-to-Work activities. Reference Welfare-to-Work Regulations 42-713.
- Lack of necessary supportive services. Reference Welfare-to-Work Regulations 42-713.21.
- Travel time to the community service assignment. Reference Welfare-to-Work Regulations 42-721.313.
- Distance to the child care provider. Reference Welfare-to-Work Regulations 42-713.253.
- The unavailability of suitable special needs child care for children with identified special needs including, but not limited to disabilities or chronic illnesses. Reference Welfare-to-Work Regulations Section 42-713.23.
- Distance to the nearest transportation system. Reference Welfare-to-Work Regulations 42-721.313 or 42-721.313 (a) and (b).
- The community service slot conflicts with the participant's employment. Reference ACL 02-92, dated December 3, 2002.

Specialized GAIN Services Workers will provide intensive case management services to participants that have exhausted their CalWORKs 60-month lifetime limit. The following services include, but are not limited to:

- Assistance with problems related to Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities (Specialized Supportive Services).
- Community Services Assessment
- Reassessment
- Homelessness Prevention
- Assistance completing Self-Initiated Program
- Assistance completing Vocational Training Program
- Child Care (Reference All County Letter (ACL) 02-92, dated December 3, 2002 and January 20, 2004.
- Transportation
- Ancillary/Work-related expenses
- Community Service (For Post-Time Limited Services is referred to as a "Job Intern Assignment.")

For those families who leave aid due to employment, which includes employed participants who reach their 60 month time limit; the county is providing transitional Medi-Cal benefits for up to 12 months of post-employment services.

Subsidized child care assistance must be provided for up to 24 months of post-employment services, if former participants continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

All employed participants are encouraged to take advantage of post-employment services so they may secure self-sustaining employment and achieve lasting independence from welfare. These services include:

- Continued case management
- Job retention services
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) counseling
- Career Assessment
- Opportunities for continued educational development
- Skills training, both on and off the job, designed for upward career mobility
- Work Experience
- Life skills training
- Continued supportive services
- Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Domestic Violence Services
- Rapid re-employment services